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NEETS BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ketchikan. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information for the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) concerning the Neets Bay terminal harvest area (THA). The Neets Bay THA expands from the second Sunday in June through August 1. This news release clarifies at what time the expanded area occurs and when different gear groups may fish in the Neets Bay THA.

Beginning 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, May 1, through 11:59 p.m., Saturday, June 9, and from 12:01 a.m., Thursday, August 2, 2012, until the fishery is closed, the Neets Bay THA will be open **only** in those waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island and west of the closed waters at the head of the bay. The closed waters at the head of the bay are those waters east of 131°29.86' W. longitude until the barrier net is in place, at that time the closed waters are those waters east of the barrier net.

Beginning 12:01 a.m., Sunday, June 10, through 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, August 1, 2012, salmon may be taken in the waters of Neets Bay east of the longitude of Chin Point to the closed waters at the head of the bay as previously described.

Salmon may be taken by troll gear from 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, May 1, until 12:00 noon, Monday, July 2, 2012.

The Neets Bay THA will be open to the harvest of salmon by drift gillnet and purse seine gear concurrently from 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, May 1, through 12:00 noon Sunday, June 10, 2012, and as follows:

Drift Gillnet:

from 12:00 noon, Monday, June 11, to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 13;
from 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 16, to 12:00 noon, Monday, June 18;
from 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 21, to 12:00 noon, Friday, June 22;
from 12:00 noon, Monday, June 25, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 26;
from 12:00 noon, Friday, June 29, to 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 30;

Purse Seine:

from 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 14 to 12:00 noon, Friday, June 15;
 from 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 19 to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 20;
 from 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 23 to 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 24;
 from 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 27 to 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 28;
 from 12:00 noon, Sunday, July 1, to 12:00 noon, Monday, July 2.

From July 3 to November 15, 2012, no common property fishery openings are scheduled so that cost recovery can take place. If openings can be scheduled they will be announced by News Release in September or once cost recovery has been completed.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E0512.

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